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Capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relevant human rights treaties,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolutions 5/1, on institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council, and 5/2, on the Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate Holders of the Council, both of 18 June 2007, and stressing that the mandate holder shall discharge his or her duties in accordance with those resolutions and the annexes thereto,

Recalling further Council resolutions S-14/1 of 23 December 2010 and 16/25 of 25 March 2011, on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire, and its resolutions 17/21 of 17 June 2011, establishing the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire, and 20/19 of 6 July 2012 and 23/22 of 14 June 2013 renewing the mandate of the Independent Expert,

Reaffirming that all States have a responsibility to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, as stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the international covenants on human rights and other relevant human rights instruments,

Welcoming the establishment of the National Programme for Social Cohesion, the action taken under that programme and the renewal of the mandates of the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Special Investigation Unit,

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Noting that the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire has improved significantly, as evidenced by the progress reported at the press conference given by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire on 4 June 2014, and that the situation nevertheless remains fragile, given the numerous challenges, notably the restoration of peace, national reconciliation and combating impunity, as well as reform of the security sector,

Concerned at the continuing sporadic armed attacks on the Forces républicaines de Côte d'Ivoire in the exercise of their mandate to protect civilians,

1. *Condemns* the attacks by unidentified armed groups in Côte d'Ivoire, which are liable to thwart the joint efforts of the Ivorian people and the international community to bring security and peace to the country and definitively overcome the effects of the post-election crisis;

2. *Welcomes* the substantial improvement in security matters in Côte d'Ivoire, as well as the work of the Special Investigation Unit and the National Security Council, particularly with regard to their roles in early warnings and the prevention of human rights violations;

3. *Also welcomes* the exemplary and continuing cooperation of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire with the United Nations human rights machinery and its commitment to promoting and protecting human rights, and encourages the continuation of efforts to end all human rights violations, prosecute the perpetrators of such acts and help victims;

4. *Applauds*, in this regard, the continuing work in the political framework for ongoing dialogue aimed at facilitating inclusive political pluralism, the continuing cooperation with the International Criminal Court and the adoption of new legislation, notably in the area of family law providing for equal rights between men and women in marriage, which constitute important progress in strengthening the legislative framework and thus in promoting and protecting human rights and ending impunity;

5. *Welcomes* the resumption of criminal trials throughout the national territory after a 16-year hiatus;

6. *Notes* the continuing trial of some members of the Forces républicaines de Côte d'Ivoire and the holding in Abidjan, from 12 to 14 February 2014, of an international conference on the situation of victims of the Ivorian crisis, organized by the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire;

7. *Applauds* the reform of the Independent Electoral Commission, established after broad consultations with all stakeholders, the provisional release of many of those who were detained after the post-electoral crisis, the unfreezing of their assets and the gradual restitution of their property;

8. *Takes note* of the reports and recommendations of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and his oral statement at the 35th meeting of the twenty-sixth session of the Council, to the effect that this would be his last report, and thanks him for his commitment to the mandate since his appointment;

9. *Applauds* the commitments made by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire at the Council's sessions to endorse the Independent Expert's recommendations, particularly those relating to rebuilding democracy, combating impunity through the justice system and strengthening inclusive political pluralism and cultural and religious pluralism;

[1] A/HRC/25/73 and A/HRC/26/52.

10. *Also applauds* the fruitful cooperation between the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and the Independent Expert in the discharge of his mandate;

11. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the relevance of the conclusions and recommendations of the National Commission of Inquiry in Côte d'Ivoire responsible for investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations of serious abuses and human rights violations in Côte d'Ivoire following the presidential election of 28 November 2010;

12. *Takes note* of the endorsement of the Commission's recommendations by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and encourages the significant action taken to put them into effect;

13. *Applauds* the efforts of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to ratify international and regional human rights instruments, and encourages it to continue to take action and pursue its efforts to put those instruments into effect, to comply with the related reporting requirements and to promote and reinforce human rights education;

14. *Urges* the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and all the actors concerned to support the effective implementation of the mandate of the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and invites the Commission to do all that it can to meet the expectations of the Ivorian people and the international community in terms of redress and non-repetition;

15. *Notes with concern* the continuing instability of the humanitarian situation on the ground, and calls on United Nations agencies and other relevant actors to continue, at the request of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, to provide assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons, in conformity with the measures put in place by the Government, so as to encourage their voluntary return to their homes in conditions of safety and dignity;

16. *Also notes with concern* the recurring allegations of violence against women and children, and requests the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to do all it can to investigate such allegations;

17. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to provide the technical assistance requested by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, including support for the Dialogue, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and to work with it to identify other areas of assistance that will help Côte d'Ivoire to meet its human rights obligations;

18. *Requests* the international community to continue to support the reconstruction and reconciliation process under way in Côte d'Ivoire, and to provide the assistance requested in the specific areas in which such assistance is necessary, including in strengthening the capacity of the mechanisms for combating violence against women and children;

19. *Calls upon* the international community to support the national efforts made by Côte d'Ivoire and its institutions to improve the human rights situation in the country, and to respond to its requests for technical assistance in the humanitarian, educational, health, economic and social spheres;

20. *Also calls upon* the international community to support the new National Human Rights Commission through technical assistance and capacity-building programmes, with a view to enabling it to contribute effectively to the promotion and protection of the fundamental rights of the Ivorian people, in accordance with the Paris Principles;

21. *Decides* therefore to establish a new mandate on capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights, to follow on from the previous mandate, for a period of one year, renewable, from the twenty-sixth to the twenty-ninth sessions of the Human Rights Council;

22. *Requests* the Independent Expert to submit a report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session and his or her final recommendations at its twenty-ninth session;

23. *Decides* to remain seized of this matter.

40th meeting
27 June 2014

[Adopted without a vote.]